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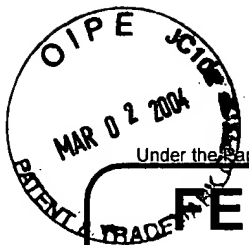
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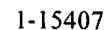
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## AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: